

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether patients are facing difficulties due to shortage of medicines and irregular supply of life saving drugs in CGHS dispensaries;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the medicines meant to be supplied to CGHS dispensaries are being sold through black market; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such black marketing of medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) to (c) Medicines for supply to CGHS dispensaries are procured centrally and supplied to the dispensaries. In case the dispensaries do not have in stock a particular medicine, then the CMOs are authorized to place indent on the appointed local chemist, to be supplied to the dispensary the next day.
- (d) & (e) No such complaint has come to the notice of the government. However Delhi Police in August, 2006 has lodged an FIR regarding pilferage of Medicines from CGHS.